

# HE IS EMPHAATIC

## M. J. Eastman Says He Never Offered a Bribe.

### "IT IS A DIABOLICAL LIE"

Witness Makes This Answer to the Accusation Propounded to Him by the Attorney for the Defense.

The hearing of the suit of Walter G. Eastman, administrator of the estate of the late M. J. Eastman, for the recovery of \$10,000 continues to engage the attention of the corporation court.

As yet counsel for the plaintiff have not finished putting in their testimony, but it is quite probable that the evidence in chief will be in when court takes a recess for dinner today, as Col. R. E. Boykin, one of the attorneys for the plaintiff, stated just before court adjourned yesterday afternoon that his side was nearly ready to rest.

Counsel for the defendants have finished a number of witnesses and it will require at least two days, it is thought, to take their testimony. It is not thought the case will be given to the jury before the middle of next week, as there will be substantial testimony besides extended arguments by counsel.

The most interesting development in yesterday's proceedings was the attempt made by the defense to break down the testimony of Mr. Eastman by calling him to the stand for the purpose of impeaching him by showing later that he attempted to bribe a witness named G. B. Brickley. Mr. Eastman was very much surprised in his denials, and the matter was a "diabolical lie," and branding Brickley as a man who was "as crooked as the old boy himself." Counsel for the plaintiff laid the foundation for "backing up" Mr. Eastman in the alleged bribery affair, and this testimony will probably be brought out in rebuttal.

The hearing of the case has aroused considerable interest. The afternoon session of yesterday was attended by a large crowd.

Before calling a witness to the stand when court convened yesterday morning, Colonel Boykin read the deposition of J. C. Harrison, who was then put on the stand. Witness said he knew Walter G. Eastman; that he saw him at work on the Finch building on December 8, 1896; that he (witness) asked who was the boss of the job and who was the man in charge, and that he was told that Finch was; that he then applied to Finch for employment; that Finch asked him if he was a plumber by trade and he (witness) said he was not; that Finch told him he did not need any more laborers, and that he was nearly completed; that he saw Finch and several negroes on the scaffolding and judging by Finch's conduct he supposed he was superintending the erection of the building, and that he never saw Eastman during the scaffolding.

On cross examination witness stated that he was the same man who gave testimony in the case of the late M. J. Eastman, and that he had left the city on Sunday, June 1, 1897, and that he came back to Newport News Wednesday morning on a "buller express" and "side-door sleeper," that he had been "out with the boys" and was "in the cat" and that he might have told Mr. N. B. Clements not to tell any one he had returned to the city.

M. J. EASTMAN RECALLED.

Attorney A. A. Garrett, of counsel for the defendants, asked to have Mr. M. J. Eastman recalled, stating that he wished to contradict him.

When he took the stand Mr. Eastman testified that he had not been in the city on the night of the accident, that he (Eastman) had warned Walter Eastman on the morning of the accident to strengthen the scaffold.

Counsel for the plaintiff objected to the testimony, but the objection was overruled and an exception noted.

In answer to the question Mr. Eastman said he did not remember any such conversation.

When Mr. Garrett put these questions:

Q. Do you remember having had a conversation with Brickley in Mr. Lett's office.

Q. Did you not offer Brickley, after you went out of Mr. Lett's office, the sum of \$250 to testify in your favor?

A. That is a diabolical lie!

Q. Did you offer Ben Goodman \$250 to testify in your favor, and that you would give him \$25 more if you won the case?

A. I don't even know the man. I never made any such offer.

Q. Did you not have Brickley's name on your list as a witness?

A. I did give his name to my counsel.

Attorney Blackford then took the witness, asking him the following questions:

The scaffolding was not finished before the day of the accident; that Mr. Finch "bossed" the building of the section of the scaffolding that fell; that Mr. Finch asked him (witness) whether he was a witness for Mr. Eastman and afterwards gave him employment.

Here court took a recess for dinner.

WINSTON TAYLOR.

This witness was called, but failed to respond. Colonel Boykin stated to the judge that the witness had been a regular attendant upon the court, and when sent for in the morning it was found that he had gone to Richmond, having been called thither by the illness of his mother. Colonel Boykin stated that he was an important witness and that the plaintiff could not go on with the case until he returned.

COLLEGE ATHLETE RECALLS.

Twenty-Six Well-Known Young Men Join the Pennsylvania Young Men's Association.

Twenty-six recruits for Battery A, National Guard of Pennsylvania, arrived yesterday afternoon at Newport News, under the command of Captain Thomas E. Stokes, to join Captain Warburton's command at the shipyard.

The recruits are all college athletes of note or less note from Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Lehigh, Lafayette and the University of Pennsylvania. They were enrolled in pursuance of orders from the War Department to raise the quota of the 10th Artillery to the full strength specified by army regulations.

The recruits are: John M. Longacre, ex-member of the Yale crew and foot ball team; John M. Longacre, Jr., ex-captain and strike of the University of Pennsylvania crew and ball team; Charles B. Beck, ex-member of the University of Pennsylvania crew and ball team; William L. Duncan, ex-member of the State College foot ball team; Charles Beck, ex-member of the University of Pennsylvania crew and ball team; William L. Moorehouse, University of Pennsylvania and German University; Charles Beck, ex-member of the Harvard crew of '93 and the Crimson's track team; Meredith Hanna, University of Pennsylvania; Byron W. Palmer, ex-member of the Pennsylvania crew and ball team; Thomas M. Fluke, ex-member of the Lafayette College foot ball and track teams; Henry Lyman Sayen, engineers' department of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Parker Ross Grubb, nephew of Gen. F. B. Grubb, ex-captain of the First United States Cavalry; J. Scott, ex-member of the University of Pennsylvania crew and ball team; Miffin W. Huey, ex-member of the University of Pennsylvania crew and ball team; Harris L. Bright, University of Pennsylvania; Hiram E. Peck, ex-member of the Lafayette College crew and ball team; Granville D. Montgomery, ex-member of the foot ball team and crew, Yale University; Frederick Knoch, ex-member of the foot ball team of Yale and all-round athlete; John M. Hedman, ex-member of the foot ball team and crew, Cornell University; Charles M. Doland, University of Pennsylvania; Robert E. Hinkins, University of Pennsylvania water polo team.

Thirty more men are required to bring the battery up to the full complement. It is expected to recruit these at Yale and Princeton. These men are expected to arrive here today, tomorrow and Monday.

PEPS A PATROL WAGON.

City Should Have a Patrol Wagon. Cart to be used for carrying "drunks" to the city jail.

The need of a "hurry up" wagon has been felt frequently this week. A number of fellows who fell by the wayside "dead to the world" had to be towed to Jailor Dan Curtis' dry dock by two policemen, and in several cases it was necessary for the "coppers" to charter a dray in order to get the "drunk" to jail.

To keep a patrol wagon would cost the city very little. There is ample room in the jail yard for a stable, and the drivers of the city horse and carriage would be able to receive the prisoners and "late em up."

At present the city has no one at the jail to receive prisoners and enter up charges against the prisoners, who are being down by Turnkey Dan Curtis and he claims, without compensation. It is only a matter of time when it will be necessary to have a station-house keeper, and this work a patrol wagon should not have a patrol wagon.

The "hurry up" cart could be made self-supporting by adding to the costs of the man who is convicted twenty-five cents for "late em up."

Several members of the Common Council are interested themselves in the matter and it will probably receive early consideration.

Nicherty at N. W. York.

The steamship Nicherty, formerly a Brazilian dynamite cruiser, originally the Morgan Line El Cid, and soon to be the United States cruiser, arrived at Newport News Thursday.

The Morgan Iron Works will refit her with new boiler tubes, and she will then come to Newport News, where Naval Constructor W. M. Wood will superintend her transformation. She will have an armor belt of two and a half inches to protect her vital parts, and will be armed with ten 5-inch rapid fire guns and a secondary battery of automatic machine guns. Her boiler tubes need no repairs, being in excellent condition.

Cartridges for Sampson.

Half a million six-millimeter cartridges for the use of the landing party now at Guantanamo are to be taken to that place by the auxiliary cruiser Yale when she leaves Newport News.

The Yale will also take a quantity of light-weight clothing for the members of Admiral Sampson's command.

The cartridges which the Yale will take to Guantanamo will be used to replace those used by the marine battalion now on shore. They fit the Lee and Winchester guns, so that they can be used for both.

New line of Pictures, Photo Frames, Wall Pockets and Ornaments at ADAMS' RACKET STORE.

Big run on paints; try me. How? Why, come and get my prices. W. H. K. Twenty-seventh street and Roanoke avenue.

# LET THE CONTRACTS

## For Erecting and Heating the High School Building.

### WORK TO BEGIN AT ONCE

Papers Will Probably be Signed Monday or as Soon as the Bonds are Deposited.

Five Months Allowed to Complete the Work.

After a session lasting until 11 o'clock last night the Board of School Trustees finally let the contract for the erection and heating of the High School building, but the papers will not be signed until next week, when the contractors will deposit their bond for completion of the work.

For a while it looked as if there would be no meeting. At 8 o'clock, the time for the board to convene, there were but three members present—Dr. W. F. E. Finch, Mr. J. L. Lively and Mr. J. J. O'Donnell. Fifteen minutes later Mr. E. S. Robinson arrived, and he was followed by Mr. John S. Jones, who was thirty minutes late, having had to attend to other matters. These members constituted a quorum.

The object of the meeting was to pass on the contracts of Peddicord & Co. and Moyer & Shepherd, the former for erecting the building and the latter for putting in the heating system. Peddicord & Co.'s contract was taken up first and discussed. The firm's contract price is \$18,845, and it was decided to divide the payments into eight installments, the first to be paid on the work as it is completed until the last payment, when the per centage held back is to be paid over. According to the terms of the contract it is to be a turnkey job, with the building ready for occupancy five months from the date of the signing of the contract.

Until the contract was agreed upon and submitted to the bonding company, Mr. E. F. Finch had not been paid for the work, which is \$10,000, and therefore the contract was not signed, but the president and clerk of the board were empowered to sign the papers as soon as the bond was received. Mr. Peddicord & Co. had not been paid for the work, which is \$10,000, and therefore the contract was not signed, but the president and clerk of the board were empowered to sign the papers as soon as the bond was received.

The next matter taken up was the contract for heating the building. It seemed to be a simple matter, but Mr. Finch, who is a physician and surgeon, and who has had experience in the matter, pointed out the Peck-Hammond indirect hot air system, but recently circulars were sent to the members purporting to show that the system was not giving satisfaction, and his friends believe Mr. Theodore Meinhardt, a representative of the Peck-Hammond Co., was present and addressed the board, disproving the statements made derogatory to his system. He also produced testimonials from superintendents of schools in this State in which it was stated that the system had given satisfaction. The system was adopted, and Moyer & Shepherd, the contractors, were given the contract ready for the signatures of the president and clerk some time next week. They will give bond in the sum of \$15,000.

No other business was transacted by the board.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, THE DAY.

Time Fixed by the City Executive Committee for Electing Delegates.

Thursday, June 30th, is the date fixed by the City Democratic Executive Committee for holding ward meetings in this city to elect delegates to the congressional convention, which will be held at Ocean View July 6. The city is entitled to seven delegates—one from each ward.

Mr. C. L. Barham has been elected to succeed Mr. E. J. Hogan, one of the members from the First ward, who has left the city today.

It is probable that the delegates elected from this city will be instructed to vote for the Hon. W. A. Young as that gentleman has no opposition. It is understood that an effort has been made to induce Mr. Young to resign of this city, to become a candidate for the nomination, but that gentleman has declined to enter the field. Colonel Boykin is at present a member of the State Senate, and his friends believe he would make a strong candidate if he would enter the contest.

GROUND FOR COLORED TROOPS.

Governor Tyler May be Asked to Send the Soldiers to Newport News.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced by the state authorities in securing suitable camping grounds for the colored troops which will be mustered into service by Virginia under President McKinley's last call for volunteers, but if the plans of Councilman elect William Washington, Major D. Wright, C. H. Robinson and other colonels in the theory may be realized the troops will be camped near Bloodfield.

These colored men have interested themselves to the extent of making application to the Old Dominion Land Company for the use of a tract of land lying in Hampton Roads near Bloodfield, and if the request is granted Governor T. H. Hughes will be asked to designate this site as the place for mobilizing colored troops.

Found Counterfeiter's Tools.

After a diligent search Chief W. C. Boatwright yesterday succeeded in finding a set of counterfeiter's tools in the room occupied by Dempsey Evans, a negro who, with his wife and 5-year-old son, were arrested Thursday afternoon on a charge of passing counterfeit money. Among the implements found were three files, besides some habit metal, of which the spurious coins were made, a piece of emery cloth and some shavings of the metal. The alleged counterfeiter will probably be given a hearing before Justice Jones in Bloodfield this morning.

Moesta's Cream.

The Ideal Pharmacy will deliver Moesta's cream in time for your dinner Sunday packed in freezers of one, two, three or four quarts. Please call on our order before 12 o'clock tonight. THE IDEAL PHARMACY.

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Big run on paints; try me. How? Why, come and get my prices. W. H. K. Twenty-seventh street and Roanoke avenue.

# MRS. KATE HUGHES' STORY.

## She Tells of the Attempt Made by a Negro to Assault Her.

Mrs. Kate Hughes, the white lady residing on Bloodfield road, on whom Henry Smith, an 18-year-old negro, attempted to commit criminal assault, yesterday told a Daily Press reporter of the attempt to outrage her.

"I was asleep in my bedroom with my small children," she began, "and was awakened early in the morning by some one putting his hands on me. I had left a lamp burning, but it had been turned down and I could not recognize the person. I screamed for help and then the man fled. In order to see how to get out he turned up the light. Then it was that I recognized the negro Henry Smith. I said to him, 'You may run, but I know who you are.' He broke in a side window in entering the room."

There is no clue to Smith's whereabouts, but it is thought he has gone to Charles City county. However, the county police officials have not abandoned the chase and they hope yet to capture the fugitive.

Mrs. Hughes said her husband was a blacksmith by trade, and had gone to Philadelphia in the hope of securing better wages than he was getting here.

WAS NOT DESTROYED.

Hull of the Schooner Sheandoah Picked Up and Towed to the Wharf.

The tugboat Wanderer yesterday morning picked up and towed to the wharf the hull of the three-masted British schooner Sheandoah, which put into Hampton Roads on fire, and which was reported to have been destroyed near Fort Monroe last Tuesday afternoon by a submarine mine.

The steamer Louise barely escaped a collision with the derelict yesterday morning on her trip from Norfolk, and when she arrived here Captain Warren reported to Captain Cooksey his narrow escape. Later the Wanderer was sent out to pick up the hull and tow it in, and it is now lying inside the breakwater, the property of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company.

An effort was made to blow up the derelict by the authorities at Fort Monroe on Thursday evening and it was reported that the mine had been blown to atoms, but judging from the appearance of the hull the mine had very little effect on the old schooner, as the hull seemed to be intact. To have allowed the hull to be blown to atoms, regarded by mariners as gross negligence on the part of somebody, and the matter will probably be investigated.

BRIEF ITEMS.

Dr. J. Thompson Hume, recently of Hinton, W. Va., has located in the city and opened an office in the Citizens' & Marine bank building. He is a physician and surgeon, and who has had experience in the matter.

Dr. Hume is originally from Culpeper, Va. While at Hinton he was a member of the West Virginia Legislature.

Captain P. Thornton Marye, commanding the Huntington Rifles, in camp at Jackson, Miss., yesterday complimented him Thursday, when he was selected to command the provisional company from the Fourth Regiment in the parade at the dedication of the Confederate monument in that city.

Special Agent Edward Stokes, from Baltimore, Md., who is now holding court at Norfolk, was in the city for a few hours yesterday on a visit to his daughter, who is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hogan, at 2525 25th street. It was some time since Judge Stokes had last been here, and he was surprised with the signs of progress and prosperity evidenced on all sides.

ON THE DIAMOND.

Results of Yesterday's Games in the National and Atlantic Leagues.

NEW YORK, 16. PHILADELPHIA, 4. NEW YORK, June 17.—Donohue and Dunkle were easy marks today, while Meekin was in good form. Attendance, 1,500. Score: R.H.E. New York, 10. 20313043X—16 12 1 Philadelphia, 4. 103000000—4 11 6 Batteries—Meekin and Warner, Donohue and Dunkle. Umpires—Curtis, Cushman and Heydler. Time, 2:15.

CHICAGO, 1. CINCINNATI, 2. CHICAGO, June 17.—The leaders and followers struggled through fourteen innings of the highest class, finally winning out in the most exciting game of the year. In the fourteenth, the win doubled and tallied on Hill's hit. Attendance, 5,300. Score: R.H.E. Chicago, 10. 000000000000—16 5 Cincinnati, 1. 000000000000—2 10 2 Batteries—Woods and Donohue, Hill and Wood. Umpires—Emslie and Curry. Time, 2:40.

BROOKLYN, 8; BALTIMORE, 6. NEW YORK, June 17.—Both Brooklyn and Baltimore played poorly today. The Brooklyn team, who were favored, played center. Attendance, 1,500. Score: R.H.E. Brooklyn, 8. 22100210X—8 10 4 Baltimore, 6. 200010003—5 8 2 Batteries—Dunn and Ryan, Hughes and Robinson. Umpires—O'Day and McDonald. Time, 1:38.

BOSTON, 7; WASHINGTON, 4. BOSTON, June 17.—Washington won out today in a close, hard fought and interesting game. Attendance, 6,000. Score: R.H.E. Boston, 7. 001001001—3 12 2 Washington, 4. 200001010—4 8 3 Batteries—Wills and Bergen, Mercer and Farrell. Umpires—Lynch and Anderson. Time, 2:10.

ST. LOUIS, 3; LOUISVILLE, 2. ST. LOUIS, June 17.—The Browns won today's game by hitting the ball at opportune times. Attendance, 1,500. Score: R.H.E. St. Louis, 3. 11100030X—8 7 1 Louisville, 2. 002010000—3 9 5 Batteries—Taylor and Snyder, Cunningham and Powers. Umpires—Swartwood and Wood. Time, 1:30.

ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

At Lancaster. R.H.E. Lancaster, 1. 012104500—13 10 3 Reading, 3. 032000022—9 14 6 Batteries—Spragel and Wente, Newton and Heydon. At Hartford. R.H.E. Allentown, 1. 000002000—2 4 1 Hartford, 1. 010000000—1 7 2 Batteries—Keener and Foster, Murphy and Roach. At Norfolk. R.H.E. Norfolk, 1. 000000000—0 2 4 Paterson, 2. 20000020X—4 11 2 Batteries—Bishop and Fox, Vlau and Bemis.

# THE CADIZ SQUADRON

## It Has Undoubtedly Sailed at Last.

### DESTINATION A MYSTERY

According to One Report the Fleet Is Headed for Boston, While Another Says It Is Bound for the Philippines.

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The State Department has received the following dispatch from its agent at Gibraltar: "Charles V. Pelayo, Rapido, Patriota, Audaz, Prosperina, Girarda, Prelajo, Alfonso Doce, Canadonga, Antonio Lopez, Ishi Pano, Elenos Ayres and San Carlos, Iola Cadiz yesterday. First eleven passed the rock, bound for Cadiz for orders, last three troops on board."

This is Admiral Camara's Cadiz squadron and appears to be in the Mediterranean, bound for African shores.

A THIRD SPANISH SQUADRON.

It Will be Organized by Captain Anion, Minister of Marine.

(By Telegraph.)

MADRID, June 17.—Great secrecy is maintained here in regard to the destination of Admiral Camara's fleet. The Spanish newspapers say that work is being actively commenced to the specifications in the Canary and Balearic Islands.

The Liberal reiterates the declaration that "Spain has nothing to hope from the powers, she is still able to defend herself."

Before the departure of the Spanish warships a flag of honor, embroidered by the ladies of Cadiz, was presented to the officers of the Charles V. It was a solemn ceremony. The flag was blessed by a priest on the deck of the expeditionary corps, to the accompaniment of a patriotic speech.

Captain Anion subsequently held a council of war with the commanders of all the ships of the squadron on board the battleship Pelayo.

Captain Anion, after the departure of Admiral Camara, wired the premier the following message:

"The expeditionary corps, to the Spanish waters, send greetings to the government and the fatherland and affirm their desire to fight for them."

OFF THE AFRICAN COAST.

(By Telegraph.)

GIBRALTAR, June 17.—The captain of a German steamer which arrived here this morning reports having sighted the Spanish Cadiz fleet off Ceuta, thirty miles from the coast, and twelve miles southeast of Gibraltar, last evening. The warships, it is added, were going in an easterly direction. The fleet consisted of two battleships, four large cruisers and four torpedo boat destroyers.

LEVEL OCEAN BOTTOM.

(By Telegraph.)

The bottom of the Pacific, between Hawaii and California, is said to be as level as a railroad could be laid for 500 miles without grading anywhere. The United States surveying vessel engaged in making soundings with the view of laying a cable.

EASTWARD FROM GIBRALTAR.

(By Telegraph.)

GIBRALTAR, June 17.—The Cadiz fleet, which was sighted off Ceuta last evening, passed here today going eastward.

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THE STAMPEDE AT TAMPA.

(By Telegraph.)

TAMPA, FLA., June 17.—The story of the stampede last night has resulted in many telegrams being received at the camp of the District of Columbia, Maryland and second New York regiments today. Distressed relatives inquired for the facts. Colonels Harris, Conde and Hardin have replied assuring those inquiring that there were no dead nor injured.

HOSPITAL TRAIN.

Thirteen Cars, Fully Equipped for the Service, Bound South.

# ADVICES FROM DEWEY.

## The Admiral Says Spanish Prisoners are Treated Humanely by Insurgents.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The Navy Department has received the following from Admiral Dewey:

"Cavite, June 12, via Hong Kong. The situation is a little change in the situation since I last telegraphed. June 3. Insurgents continue hostilities and have practically surrounded Manila. They have taken 2,500 Spanish prisoners, whom they treat humanely. They do not intend to take the city at the present time. Twelve merchant vessels are anchored in the bay with refugees on board under guard of neutral men-of-war; this with my permission."

"The health of the squadron continues excellent. The German commander in chief arrived today. Three other German men-of-war in port. Another German man-of-war is expected. The following is a correct list of the Spanish vessels captured or destroyed: 'Destroyed—Two protected cruisers, five unprotected cruisers, one transport, one sailing vessel, both armed. The following were captured—The transport Manila and the gunboat Calag. They are being towed to Manila.'"

"It has been officially admitted that the troops have been thirty-six hours without food. The insurgents are gaining everywhere and are now firing into Manila itself."

FIVE MEN LYNCHED.

Alabama Murderers Hunt Near the Scene of Their Crime.

(By Telegraph.)

MONTGOMERY, ALA., June 17.—The men who murdered Mr. Carden and his wife and an old man named Carlee, last week, near Wetumpka, were lynched at 9 o'clock today. Last night Governor Johnston received a message from the local militia that a mob was assembling in the neighborhood of Wetumpka, where they feared the prisoners would be taken from him, and asked for troops. The governor soon got together about 90 men of the local militia and sent them to the scene of the crime, where they found the mob. They were ordered to disperse, but they refused to do so, and the mob had secured the prisoners—five in number—and took them to the scene of the murder. Four of the negroes confessed to having participated in the crime and one of them told where he had hid the money. He was compelled to find it and in a few minutes, near the scene of the crime, all five were swung up and their bodies riddled with bullets. The militia was unable to follow the mob last night, as they were all well mounted and no means of conveyance was at hand to take the soldiers after them. This morning efforts were made to find the negroes and about 12 o'clock they came out, however, from Wetumpka that they had been found swinging from a limb. Their names are unknown.

EXCHANGE NOT AUTHORIZED.

Hobson and His Men May Languish in Prison.

(By Telegraph.)

HAVANA, June 17.—The Spanish government, it is said at the palace, has not authorized the exchange of the prisoners of the Merrimac.

The Spanish authorities here absolutely deny a report that the exchange of communications yesterday afternoon with an American warship, under a flag of truce, and the commander of the latter was informed that Captain General Canales had authorized the change Naval Constructor Hobson and his men for Spaniards who are now held prisoners in the United States.

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THANKS TO HOBSON.

Resolution Expressing Gratitude Introduced by Representative Underwood.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Representative Underwood, of Alabama, introduced a resolution expressing gratitude to Naval Constructor Hobson for his services in the capture of the Merrimac.

The resolution is now before the naval affairs committee for action. It followed conferences with the President and the secretary of the Navy. Senator Morgan introduced a duplicate of the Underwood resolution in the Senate. He said the provision for the transfer of Mr. Hobson to the line of the navy was inserted at the request of Mr. Hobson's father.

YELLOW FEVER SITUATION.

Encouraging News Received from McHenry, Miss.

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The most encouraging news about the yellow fever situation in the South yet received from official dispatches to the marine hospital service, introduced by Murray, one of the experts at McHenry, Miss., wired an official report today that he believed the yellow fever is confined to the town of McHenry. Surgeon Captain Harris has been making a thorough investigation in that field, reported that he had nearly completed his investigation of the places and houses along the lines running into McHenry south of Hattiesburg, and that there is no danger of the disease spreading to other parts of the State. The reports also show that the people of McHenry are co-operating in the work and there is a daily house to house inspection.

The authorities today are very hopeful, though by no means confident that the danger is past.

CADET POWELL'S REWARD.

(By Telegraph.)

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The secretary of the navy has decided on the method of rewarding the services of Naval Cadet Joseph Wright Powell, who held a steam launch under the duress at the entrance to Santiago harbor under the continuous fire of the Spanish batteries on both shores while searching for the crew of the Merrimac. The papers already have been made out advancing Powell one year to take the rank of ensign and three months in the line. Powell's promotion will be immediately put in the hands of the President, who will forward it to Congress simultaneously with that of Naval Constructor Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac.